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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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: ART UNIT: 1652

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FOR: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THERMOSTABILITY OF PROTEINS, PROTEINS

HAVING THERMOSTABILITY IMPROVED BY THE METHOD AND NUCLEIC

ACIDS ENCODING THE PROTEINS

## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated August 26, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 2 of this response.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 5 of this response.

Support for the Amendment appears on page 8 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this response.